



WHEAT PROGRESS ADVANCES RAPIDLY

MAY 1 - Rainfall amounts last week ranged from .36 inch at Alva to 5.78 inches at Ft Cobb. All areas of the state received precipitation, with many reports of better than an inch over the weekend. Topsoil moisture was adequate to surplus in 86 percent of the State. Only the South Central, East Central and Southeast districts report the majority of their topsoil moisture as adequate to short. Subsoil moisture was adequate to surplus in 83 percent of the State, with only the South Central district reporting better than 35 percent of their subsoil moisture as short to very short. Days suitable for fieldwork was 5.1.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	12	75	11
Last Week	2	15	79	4
Last Year	0	3	61	36

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	21	70	5
Last Week	3	23	69	5
Last Year	0	9	82	9

SMALL GRAINS: Wheat was in good to excellent condition on 76 percent of the State's acreage. Only the South Central district reported significant acreage as being in poor to very poor condition. Ninety-nine percent of the state's wheat acreage was jointing which was one point below last year, but ahead of the five year average. Wheat heading, at 76 percent, was significantly ahead of both last year and the five year average. Twelve percent of the wheat crop was in the soft dough stage of development compared to 6 percent last year and 3 percent for the five year average. Wheat continues being cut for hay in several areas of the state. Crop insect activity was generally reported as none to light across the state. Oat condition was 65 percent good to excellent, with 42 percent of the crop headed compared to 36 percent for the five year average.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
WHEAT					
This Week	1	4	19	59	17
Last Week	1	3	17	64	15
Last Year	0	3	17	71	9
OATS					
This Week	1	5	29	56	9

ROW CROPS: Planting progressed for sorghum, corn and soybeans, while seedbed preparations continued for all row crops. Soybeans and cotton were ahead of the five year average for seedbed preparation while corn, at 93 percent, was 6 points behind the five year average. Sorghum seedbed preparation and planting were ahead of average while peanut seedbed preparation was near normal at 61 percent. Sixty-nine percent of the corn was planted, which is ahead of the five-year average of 56 percent. Soybeans planted, at 25 percent, were moderately ahead of normal. Cotton and peanut producers in parts of the Southwest district were ready to plant, but they were waiting for an increase in soil temperatures.

HAY: The first cutting for alfalfa, at 42 percent, continues sharply ahead of the five year average. Other hay first cutting was reported at 17 percent, ahead of last year and the five year average.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 30, 2000

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	2	23	61	14
Other Hay	0	4	30	59	7

PASTURE: Range and pasture was reported in mostly fair to good condition in all districts. Continued warm weather over much of the state has caused rapid growth of both cool and warm season grasses. Warm season grasses were being fertilized in the Southeast district.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock condition was reported as 70 percent or more good to excellent in all districts, except the South Central district where 60 percent of the livestock were in good to excellent condition. Insect activity was none to light across the majority of the State. Livestock marketings were average for the week. The average price for feeder steers was steady compared to last week.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending April 30, 2000

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	18	67	13
Pasture & Range	1	5	25	61	8

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OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

April 30, 2000

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr. Avg	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr. Avg
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Jointing	99	98	100	98	Seedbed prepared	69	61	56	62
Headed	76	46	59	49	Planted	25	14	12	17
Soft Dough	12	N/A	6	3	Emerged	15	N/A	3	6
Oats -					Peanuts -				
Jointing	99	81	89	72	Seedbed prepared	61	60	69	68
Headed	42	31	59	36	Planted	3	N/A	3	5
Soft Dough	11	N/A	6	4	Cotton -				
Corn -					Seedbed prepared	80	77	83	72
Seedbed prepared	93	86	98	99	Planted	3	N/A	6	4
Planted	69	51	81	56	Alfalfa Hay				
Emerged	20	N/A	9	18	1 st Cutting	42	25	15	15
Sorghum -					Other Hay				
Seedbed prepared	53	44	55	45	1 st Cutting	17	10	11	9
Planted	7	5	2	5					

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 30, 2000 - Temperatures ranged from 37 degrees at Kenton and Boise City on Tuesday, April 25th to 86 degrees at Kenton on Wednesday, April 26th. Precipitation averaged 0.27 in. East Central district to 2.42 in. Southwest district. Individual Mesonet stations ranged from 0.36 in. at Alva to 5.78 in. at Fort Cobb. Soil temperatures averaged 50 degrees at Goodwell to 86 degrees at Pauls Valley.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION

Week Ending April 30, 2000

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	Past Week	March 1 to April 30, 2000		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
Degrees			Inches				
Panhandle	73	45	59	0.79	5.43	+ 2.60	192
West Central	72	50	61	1.32	9.78	+ 5.65	237
Southwest	70	49	59	2.42	8.54	+ 4.29	201
North Central	69	46	58	0.44	8.31	+ 3.48	172
Central	68	48	58	1.75	7.13	+ 1.17	120
South Central	70	50	60	0.65	5.79	- 1.05	85
Northeast	74	50	62	0.29	6.96	- 0.30	96
East Central	68	47	58	0.27	4.92	- 3.32	60
Southeast	68	45	56	0.95	6.96	- 2.30	75